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1. SECOND AND THIRD PLENARY SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE CONTINUED NOVEMBER 26 WITH SPEECHES BY 18 ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS AND EIGHT OBSERVER DELEGATIONS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NATIONAL EDUCATION SINCE 1967. OF THREE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AS OBSERVERS (U.S., CANADA, ISRAEL), ONLY CANADIAN DELEGATION ADDRESSED PLENARY WITH DESCRIPTION OF MUTUAL CANADIAN-EUROPEAN EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS. CANADIAN DELEGATE CONCLUDED WITH EXPRESSION OF CANADIAN DESIRE FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGION. FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS, U.S. DEL DID NOT ADDRESS PLENARY ALTHOUGH DELEGATION PLANS PARTICIPATION AS APPROPRIATE IN WORKING SESSIONS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 27.

2. IN PLENARY SPEECH ON NOVEMBER 26, SOVIET DELEGATE PROPOSED
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ADOPTION OF 12-POINT SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A) TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN EDUCATION THROUGH THE SIGNING OF MULTI-LATERAL AND BI-LATERAL AGREEMENTS FOR EXCHANGES.

B) TO FORBID "WAR PROPAGANDA" IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

C) TO DEVELOP A PAN-EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON EQUIVALENCY OF DEGREES.

D) TO STRENGTHEN THE BUCHAREST UNESCO CENTER

E) TO CARRY OUT MULTI-LATERAL AND BI-LATERAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON CERTAIN THEMES.

F) TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE LEVEL OF SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION PARTICULARLY IN NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

G) TO ENCOURAGE THE STUDY OF EUROPEAN AND OTHER FOREIGN LANGUAGES

H) TO ESTABLISH "AS THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK OF ALL EDUCATION" TO CULTIVATE IN STUDENTS A FEELING OF LOVE FOR NATURE AND CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

I) TO ENCOURAGE THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION AND PRODUCTION OF TEXTBOOKS AND AUDIOVISUAL TECHING AIDS

J) TO ADOPT A DECLARATION CALLING FOR THE ELIMINATION IN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS OF IDEAS OF IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, RACISM, AND "THE NON-OBJECTIVE TREATMENT OF HISTORY"

K) TO ISSUE A JOINT DECLARATION ON STRENGTHENING THE MORAL CHARACTER OF YOUTH AND ELIMINATING DRUGS, PORNOGRAPHY, AND OTHER HARMFUL INFLUENCES

L) TO ADOPT A PROPOSAL OF THE USSR CALLING ON ALL NATIONS TO REDUCE ARMAMENT EXPENDITURES BY TEN PERCENT AND RELEASE THIS AMOUNT FOR AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DURING PLENARY SESSIONS, MOST EE COUNTRIES INDICATED SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET PROPOSALS.

3. IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED BY STATE 231834, U.S. DEL PLANS TWO LUNCHEONS FOR SELECTED CHIEFS OF DELEGATIONS TO FOLLOW-UP ON EXTENSIVE CORRIDOR CONTACTS. FYI: SEVEN MEMBER CANADIAN DELEGATION EXTREMELY ACTIVE SOCIALLY HAVING INVITED U.S. DEL FOR LUNCH AND HAS SENT OUT INVITATIONS FOR LARGE RECEPTION DECEMBER 1 FOR ALL DELEGATION HEADS. END FYI.

4. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONTACT U.S. NATIONAL UNESCO COMMISSION AND INQUIRE IF COMMISSION INTERESTED IN PUBLISHING BROCHURE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR MONOGRAPH REPORTING RESULTS OF BUCHAREST MEETING. U.S. DEL ROSS STRONGLY FAVORS SUCH A PROPOSAL AND IS WILLING COLLECT REFERENCE MATERIALS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS FROM CONFERENCE FOR USE IN SUCH A PROJECT. HE WOULD APPRECIATE REACTIONS FROM COMMISSION PRIOR END OF CONFERENCE.
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